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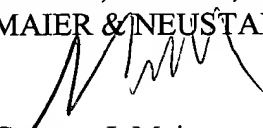
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In response to the election of species requirement of September 17, 2002, Applicants hereby elect species XI - Figs. 11A and 11B which are directed to claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 13 and 14.

This election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the present application, and so the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is requested.

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